

FIRST & FOREMOST

It's important to know
the names of the people you're
speaking with & more important
yet is to have an interest
in what they're saying at your disposal
Helpful too
is a knowledge of their family
do they believe in yoga
or lean to the other extreme
First & foremost
is what sign they were born under
have they suffered unnecessarily
or do they ever want
for what can't be theirs
The extent of your success
will depend largely
on your willingness to distort
the truth

HOMETOWN BLUES

I live in a den
of iniquity
with no visitors allowed
Smoke fills with air
green visors shade the eyes
sheepskin rugs and
goats in the corral
Private says the man
in charge only
immediate family
with two or less offsprings
Leave your fingerprints
at the door
wraps in the cloakroom
& sign the book
on the table

-- Avron Hoffman

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